Dr. James Hansen: Paid Activist, Eco-Extremist, and the Religious Roots of Climate Alarmism

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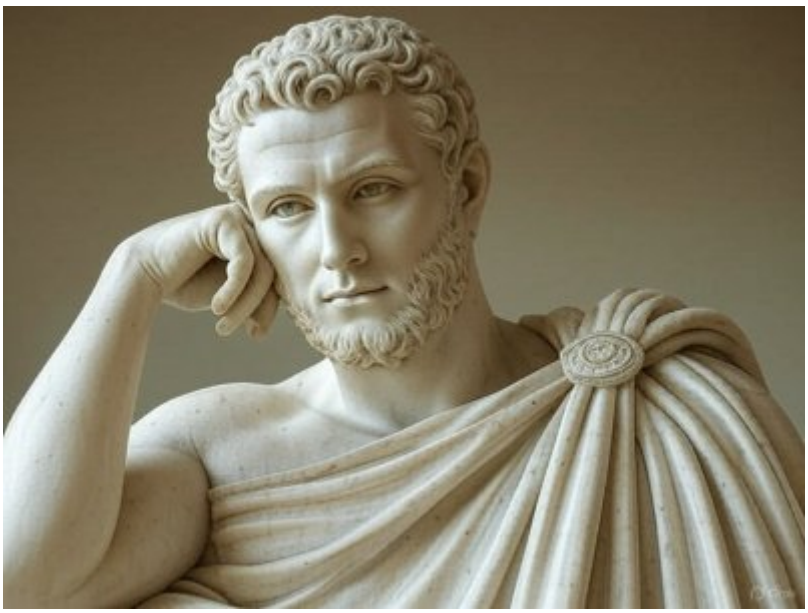

Dr. James Hansen, once a NASA scientist, has become a multimillionaire activist funded by environmental groups and political allies like Al Gore. His demands to prosecute climate skeptics, reliance on "esoteric" computer models, and the blending of Christianity with eco-dogma reveal environmentalism's quasi-religious underbelly. As a Deist, I prioritize empirical science over this spiritual ecology, which harms practical solutions and the working poor.

From Ice Age Prophet to Warming Alarmist: Hansen's Flip-Flops

Hansen isn't a climate specialist—his background is in physics, astronomy, and computer modeling. In 1971, he co-authored a paper predicting a new ice age from fossil fuel aerosols, warning of global cooling in a Washington Post headline: "U.S. Scientist Sees New Ice Age Coming." By the 1980s, he'd switched to warming

predictions, testifying before Congress in 1988 that 1988 was the hottest year on record—a claim debunked, as 14 hotter years have followed per NOAA data.

His models, described by the Heinz Foundation as drawing from the "esoteric world of computer climate models" (hidden knowledge for the elite), lack transparency. A 2002 study forecasted a 3°F rise in 50 years, but revisions pushed it to 2015—with no such warming observed. Blogger Steve McIntyre exposed GISS data errors in 2007, revealing arbitrary adjustments that amplified trends: thousands of lines of code tossing readings, biasing values by degrees. Hansen dismissed it as minor, but it eroded trust in his $400 billion-a-year climate industry.

Paid Activism: $17 Million from the Environmental Industrial Complex

Hansen's net worth? A rumored $17 million, far beyond his NASA salary. Key funding includes $270,000 from the Teresa Heinz Foundation (tied to John Kerry) for "leadership in the debate over global climate change"—framed as a hypothesis, not fact. George Soros' Open Society Institute funneled up to $720,000 via the Government Accountability Project for "legal and media advice," forcing NASA policy shifts on "politicization of science." Hansen denies direct ties, but Investor's Business Daily stands by its reporting.

This is the environmental industrial complex (EIC) at work: $2.1–2.3 trillion annually in green sectors, grants, and activism. U.S. government climate funding alone hits $31 billion yearly, distorting science toward agendas. Hansen contributed to Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, cementing his role as a "paid hack" for Gore's followers. As James Lovelock noted, scientists trade independence for grants and tenure—Hansen exemplifies this captivity.

Eco-Extremism: Demanding Prosecution of Skeptics

In a June 24, 2008, speech to the Worldwatch Institute, Hansen equated fossil fuel CEOs to tobacco executives: "CEOs of fossil energy companies know what they are doing… In my opinion, these CEOs should be tried for high crimes against humanity and nature." He pushed blocking all new coal plants, testifying for British eco-protesters who vandalized equipment—endorsing what critics call eco-

terrorism.

Hansen warned of a "tipping point": Arctic ice gone in 5–10 years (wrong; it's persisting), mass extinctions, and sea-level catastrophe unless CO_2 returns to 1988 levels. He dodged direct prosecution questions, focusing on emission cuts: no non-capturing coal by 2025 in the U.S., 2030 globally. Crimes against "nature"? That's religious, not scientific—assuming nature's divinity, as in spiritual ecology.

> "The Green movement has hijacked the issue of climate change. It is ludicrous to suggest the only way to deal with the problem is to start micro-managing everyone."
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> *— Dr. Myles Allen, Oxford University*

Skeptics face threats: Climatologist Tim Ball received death emails; Richard Lindzen (MIT) saw funds vanish, labeled an "industry stooge." Governments pump billions into alarmism, stifling dissent—Einstein couldn't get funding today, per Nigel Calder.

Al Gore and the Fusion of Christianity with Environmentalism

Hansen's extremism mirrors Al Gore's theology: "The idea of social justice is inextricably linked in the Scriptures with ecology." Gore's *Earth in the Balance* laments our "lost connectedness to nature," portraying civilization as arrogant separation from Earth's "roots." Hansen echoed this in 2006, invoking "Noah's commandment" for species salvation—a biblical frame for eco-activism.

This spiritual ecology treats nature as divine, blending pantheism with Christianity. Hansen's "crimes against nature" rhetoric equates ecosystems with humanity's moral worth, violating science's empiricism. As Patrick Moore (Greenpeace co-founder) critiqued: Environmentalism evolved into "anti-human," "anti-science," and "pro-anarchy" dogma. Textbooks peddle eco-scares; politicians hijack the debate for control.

Censorship Claims: Overblown Drama

Hansen cries censorship—a 2005 NPR bar by intern George Deutsch (who

resigned amid fallout). Yet he gave 1,400+ interviews yearly, with 58 YouTube clips. As a federal employee, he's bound by employer rules; abusing NASA's name for politics is the real issue. Deutsch called him a "loose cannon" and "exaggerator." Rep. Darrell Issa noted Hansen's media access was vast—not the "American way" violation he claims.

Reason Over Alarmism: Natural Cycles and Real Solutions

Hansen ignores natural variability: Post-Ice Age warming (11,000 years ago) shifted zones 35 miles/decade, yet life thrived without CO_2 panic. Modern net warming? 0.15°C since 1940, driven more by solar cycles and water vapor (40,000 PPM vs. CO_2's 400). His 2003 soot-warming claim contradicted his 1971 cooling flip-flop.

Alternatives like nuclear (Oklo's natural reactors ran millions of years safely) and fracking offer reliable energy—Lovelock now advocates them. Wind/solar? EIC-subsidized intermittency hikes costs for Appalachia's poor. Hansen's technophobia blocks progress; empirical science demands transparency, not esoteric secrecy.

Postscript 2025: Alarmism's Legacy

Seventeen years post-Hansen's prosecution calls, no tipping point, no ice-free Arctic, no mass die-offs. Failed predictions, wasted trillions, energy crises—exactly as skeptics warned. The EIC thrives on fear; time for Deist reason: verifiable data, practical tech, and separation of spiritual ecology from state policy.

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